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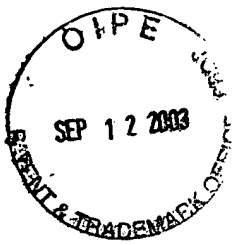
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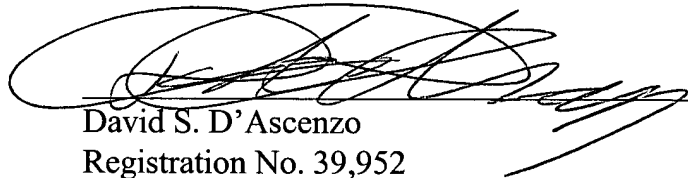
An English-language abstract of German Patent No. DE 3727789 is already of record in the previously cited application cited above.

On information and belief, the safe water pouch disclosed in the Texas Research Institute Austin, Inc. Web site was publicly disclosed in 2000.

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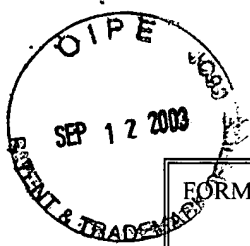


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